

REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

In the Office Action of April 7, 2005, claims 1-13 were objected to, claim 14 was withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement, and claims 15-17 were allowed. Applicant has now canceled claim 14 and amended claim 1.

2. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because they did not contain labeling of the various streams that are mentioned in the claims. Attached to this response are proposed amended versions of Figures 1-3, with appropriate reference numbers added to identify the various streams. Applicant has also amended the specification to insert these reference numbers. No new matter is added by this amendment because the newly-labeled streams were already described in this patent application.

In the attached amended version of Figure 2, applicant has also corrected the reference number 400A to instead be 300C. This amendment does not add new matter, as can be seen in the specification at page 14, lines 1-8.

If the proposed amended Figures 1-3 are acceptable to the Examiner, applicant will have formal versions thereof prepared.

3. Objection to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because of the misspelling of the word “least” as “lest.” Applicant has corrected this typographical error in claim 1. Since there are no rejections of the claims, claims 1-13 should now be allowable along with the already-allowed claims 15-17.

4. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

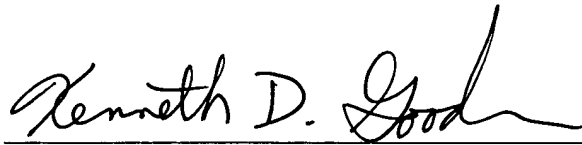
Applicant has filed concurrently with this response a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent 5,442,019 (Agapiou), which has been cited in continuation-in-part application 10/716,201.

5. Conclusion

Applicant requests allowance of claims 1-13 and 15-17. Please contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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